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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :  
Uday Narendra Sheth : Confirmation No. 1157  
Serial No. 09/963,822 : Group Art Unit 1762  
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For Method for treating permeable surface items according to item owner's instructions

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5. ☐ Information to be Considered with CPA Filing. This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

6. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) with fee payment - (use after 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action & before Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance)

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☒ (2) Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

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☐ (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

☐ (5) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the copending applications listed on the attached page.



Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

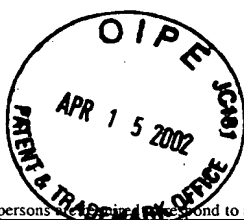
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